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**Mail Stop Patent Application**

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**APPLICATION ELEMENTS:**

- (X) Specification in 29 pages.
- (X) Drawings in 9 sheets.
- (X) This application claims the priority benefit from Provisional Application No. 60/440,765 filed on January 16, 2003.
- (X) Return prepaid postcard.

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The present application qualifies for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27. The fees are calculated below:

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| Basic Utility      |              | 2001 (\$385) |                      | \$385        |
| Excess Claims > 20 | 56 - 20 = 36 | 2202 (\$9)   | 36 x 9 =             | \$324        |
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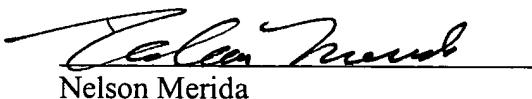
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